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**EX PARTE**

September 7, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CS Docket No. 98-120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached for inclusion in the above-captioned digital must carry docket is a letter to Commissioner Michael J. Copps from Robert Sachs, President and CEO, of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association concerning Commissioner Copps' op-ed article on television coverage of the Democratic and Republican national conventions that appeared August 30, 2004 in The New York Times. The letter addresses the widespread coverage of the national political conventions by the national cable news networks and coverage of local political races and public affairs on more than 30 regional and local cable news channels.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Daniel L. Brenner**

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cc: Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Honorable Michael J. Copps  
Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein